

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 18-19 are pending, in which claims 1-17 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, claim 18 is amended, and claim 19 is newly presented.

Care was exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter.

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested. If any unresolved issues remain, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney at 703-425-8516 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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